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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LEBANON: NEW SOVIET INITIATIVE?

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1. BEIRUT REFTEL PARA 5 STATES THAT ACCORDING TO KAMAL JUMBLATT, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON SOLDATOV HAD BRIEFED HIM ON "CERTAIN MEASURES" BEING UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF LEBANON BY THE SOVIET UNION. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR MANCIUR INFORMED US JULY 13 THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO DAMASCUS MOUKHITDINOV HAD UNPUBLICIZED MEETING WITH ASAD JULY 12 AND ALSO WITH FONMIN KHADDAM BEFORE LATTER DEPARTED FOR CAIRO ARAB LEABUE CONFERENCE.

2. MOUKHITDINOV WAS NO MORE ENLIGHTENING THAN JUMBLATT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS CONTACTS WITH THE SYRIAN LEADERS BUT TOLD HIS ROMANIAN COLLEAGUE THAT THE SOVIETS HAD DETERMINED TO TAKE NEW ACTION TO BRING THE LEBANESE CRISIS TO AN END.

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3. COMMENT: WE REPORT FOREGOING SCRAP ON CHANCE IT MAY
RELATE TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES OF SOVIET
ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE VIS-A-VIS LEBANESE CRISIS. IT
HAS OCCURRED TO US THAT HARSH LANGUAGE EMPLOYED AGAINST
SYRIA IN JULY 9 DECLARATION ON LEBANON OF SOVIET AFRO-ASAIN
SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE (MOSCOW 10974) MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED
AS INDUCEMENT TO PALESTINIANS TO ACCEPT SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO
MEDIATE BETWEEN ARAFAT AND ASAD. THIS IS PURELY SPECULATIVE
ON OUR PART.
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